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URS Corporation
Kevin Mock, Senior Archaeologist
1615 Murray Canyon Road, Suite 1000
San Diego, CA 92108

Subject: Imperial Irrigation District
Niland Combustion Turbine Project

Dear Mr. Mock:

We are in receipt of your letter requesting cultural information regarding the project referred to above.

The Ramona Band of Cahuilla Indians are not aware if specific cultural resources that may be impacted by the project. This does not mean that there is an absence of cultural resources in the project area.

This project is within the traditional use area of the Cahuilla People and we are extremely concerned about the Native American sites that are in or near the project site. We are also concerned that extensive excavation could uncover Native American artifacts that may have significant sacred, religious and cultural value. We feel that it is necessary to have a Native American Monitor, assigned by the Ramona Band, included in any further field study and during the construction phase of this project. The cost of the Monitor should be made a part of the construction budget. We are requesting copies of the of the archaeological survey report and the records survey report. We are also requesting a mitigation agreement dealing with the disposition of artifacts, should any be found during construction.

We look forward to receiving the requested information and if additional clarification is required regarding this correspondence please contact Mr. Joseph Hamilton, Co-Chairman or Anthony Largo, Environmental Coordinator at (951) 763-4105.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joseph Hamilton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Joseph Hamilton, Co-Chairman